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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 November 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10,25-37 and 48-60 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9,11-16,19 and 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 17,18,20-23 and 38-47 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of the information disclosure statements filed
07/18/2007 and 09/12/2007.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of claims 1-9, 11-12. 38-47 in the reply filed
on 11/19/2007 is acknowledged.

Claims 10, 13-37 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR
1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or
linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 11/19/2007.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that
form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public
use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United
States.

Claims 1-9, 11-16, 19, 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Matsuura et al (US Patent No. 6,171, 298).

Matsuura disclose an implantable drug delivery device with a core and a rate control covering. Shape memory is specifically recited The device is also tethered, and may be refilled through said tether. Device material would be inherently radio-opaque as it is more dense than surrounding tissues. Where the device is placed is considered an intended use and does not lend the device claim patentable weight. Polymer used for the device are known to be biostable. Various Bioactives are disclosed for incorporation. The instant claims are anticipated by Matsuura et al (see col. 4, line 47 to col. 5, line 14; col. 6, lines 60-67; col. 18, line 1 to col. 19, line 40; col. 20, lines 29-67; col. 21, lines 1-25; figures, claims.)

Claims 17-18, 20-23. 38-47 are objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim.

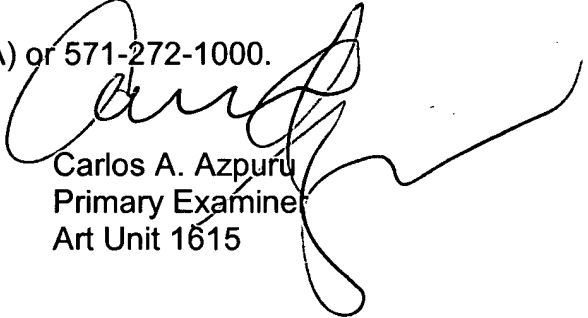
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